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d. claim ⁷/~~6~~, line 1, "⁵/~~6~~", has been replaced with -- 1 --.

e. Drawings: The following changes to the drawings have been approved by the examiner and agreed upon by applicant: -- Replacement Sheets -- will be inserted on the top each page (page 1 and page 2) of the drawing sheets.

In order to avoid abandonment of the application, applicant must make these above agreed upon drawing changes.

Examiner's Statement Of Reason For Allowance

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Claims 1-4, 6 and 7 are allowed.

Regarding claim 1, the prior art of record does not teach all the combined steps for a method of testing the authenticity of a document provided with at least one optico-diffractively effective security indicium, including the step of measuring the voltage in the security indicium of said document and deriving therefrom a signal representative of different electrical conductivities; and comparing the derived signal against the stored signal; wherein the optico-diffractively effective security indicium is a hologram comprising a plurality of discontinuous metallization segments with interspersed elements responsive to electromagnetic radiation of a frequency range.